GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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REPORT OF BRIBE PAYERS S INDEX
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian exporters are willing to pay bribes to clinch contracts, secure business etc. according to a report of the NGO`s Bribe Payers` Index, 2006 as reported in the Times of India, dated October 5, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a)& (b): According to the report published in the Times of India, dated October 5, 2006 the NGO Transparency Internationals `Bribe Payers` Index (BPI) 2006`, shows that Indian exporters are more willing than their counterparts from other countries to pay overseas bribe to secure business contracts.

(c): The Government is fully committed to implement its policy of 'Zero Tolerance` of corruption and is moving progressively to eradicate corruption from all spheres of life.